

AGENDA



RCA	Austin City Council	Item ID	5146
Meeting Date:	4/21/2011	Department:	Health and Human Services

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an Amendment Number 8 to a contract with WATERLOO COUNSELING CENTER, INC., to increase funding for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Grant services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$117,211, for the period March 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$15,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Special Revenue Fund, Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Services grant. The grant period is March 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	February 17, 2011, Council approved Ryan White Part A fiscal year 2011 contract amendments.
For More Information:	Vince Cobalis, Assistant Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Mark Pepler, Manager, HIV Resources Administration 972-5081; Charles Kemp, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023
Boards and Commission Action:	The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council approved fiscal year 2011 service category allocations.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of the Ryan White Part A HIV Emergency Relief Project is to provide support to clients who have been affected by HIV/AIDS and who reside in the five-county Transitional Grant Area that includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties. The program's goal is to assure access to primary medical care and medications as well as to provide critical support services necessary to maintain individuals in the system of HIV care. These services are provided in partnership with local organizations including Waterloo Counseling Center, Inc., a mental health counseling agency with services provided by licensed counselors.

On September 28, 2010, the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council completed its legislatively mandated responsibility of prioritizing services and allocating 2011-2012 Part A grant funds by HIV service category based on demonstrated need through its annual planning and allocation process. The HIV Planning Council allocated \$15,000 for Psychosocial Support Services with the requirement that HIV support group services

be provided by a licensed mental health services professional with HIV services experience. Because the HIV support group service was a newly funded service, a request for applications was made available to current providers of HIV mental health services. Three applications were received and evaluated according to HIV Planning Council directives and other criteria and Waterloo Counselling Center was selected as most responsive.

All Department grant application requests are reviewed by the Budget Office prior to submission to ensure that the grant minimizes the financial impact to the City.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HHS Related Departmental Goal:

Promotion/Prevention/Protection: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Waterloo Counseling Center, Inc.

Output Measures:

Performance Measure numbers are approximate; contract performance measures to be finalized during contract negotiation.

40 HIV clients will receive 1,920 units of Psychosocial Support Services (one unit = 15 minutes)

Outcome Measure:

90% of clients will be successfully linked to HIV primary medical care